



## ***The Astrological Significance of Each Egyptian Tarot Card...Part 1***

Elbert Benjamine

Information can be conveyed from one mind to another in a variety of ways; but as objects themselves do not bodily enter consciousness, each of these methods of necessity must employ symbols. Those, therefore, who before the time of recorded history made painstaking research into the relation between the soul of man and the twinkling stars, who ascertained that things on earth are influenced by signs and planets, when they desired to pass that information on to others had no recourse but the use of symbols.

Yet even in the short span of a few hundred years the characters used in writing English have so changed that the reading of Chaucer in the original script would be difficult for most of us. For nearly 2,000 years before the discovery, in 1799, of the Rosetta Stone, bearing parallel inscriptions in Greek, in Egyptian demotic characters, and in Egyptian hieroglyphics, that which the Egyptians so painstakingly had engraved on stone in hieroglyphics had been lost to the human race. Time makes sad havoc with arbitrary forms.

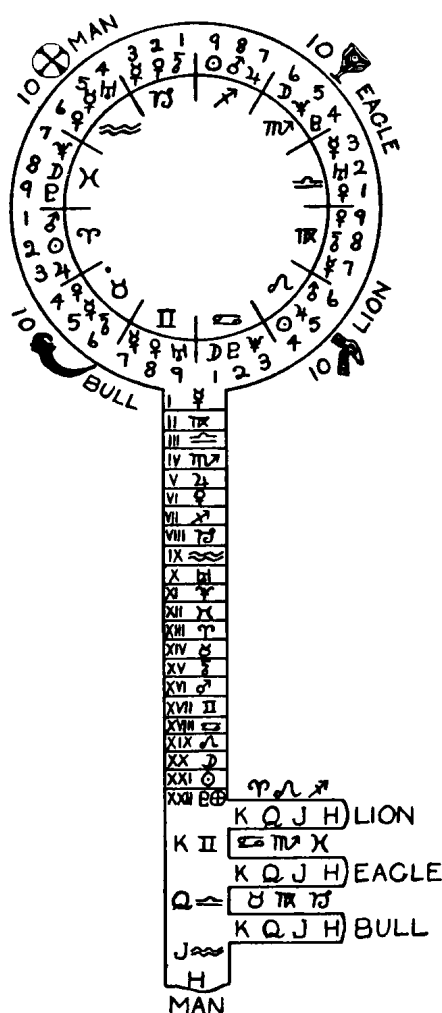
Yet even before the time of Egypt, and long before complex hieroglyphics came into use, men had put their thoughts into writing. Pictures of the aurochs, the European bison, were

traced on the walls of their lairs by cave-men; perhaps not long after the last ice sheet receded from the region; and molded images of this and other game, with arrows piercing, have been found far back in the ceremonial crypts of their caverns.

An image of a bison pierced with a spear, or a wild hog with a knife in its side, tells a story. It suggests also, in the light of what even at this date we know of primitive customs, that there were medicine men or witch doctors, who performed ceremonies in which the game to be hunted was killed in pantomime, that on the morrow it might, through, what now our New Thought friends would term, "Demonstrating," be the more easily located, overhauled, and slain without accident to the hunters.

Yet a time came in the evolution of mankind when the Egyptians developed their hieroglyphic and demotic characters, the Maya of Guatemala developed other hieroglyphics, the Chinese invented their arbitrary symbols, and the inhabitants of Mesopotamia devised a

method of writing by means of wedge-shape (cuneiform) imprints made on little bricks of adobe before these had dried; wedge-shaped because the papyrus stem they used for a stylus grows triangular. But before these times of using such arbitrary



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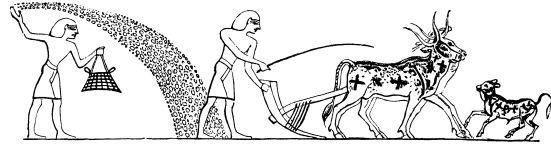
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## Building a Better World

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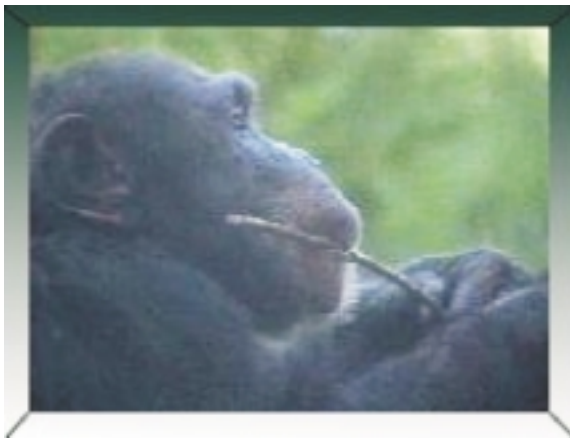


#### Editorial

If you found the CofL...there is a reason! It's because someone else sowed the seed that you discovered!

It may have been a quest for spiritual enlightenment...new information to study...or simply to find a kindred spirit. Whatever the magnet drawing you into its circle, we are glad you are here! You may not realize it, but you are a very important person in the CofL universe.

One of the most intriguing concepts the BofL has to offer is that we humans are only separated by degree from our brothers and sisters whose evolutionary journey is at the animal level. In fact, we share much in common with our brothers and sisters pictured here on this page who gather in groups for both physical and emotional nourishment. The difference is our need to expand self-awareness into a higher order of consciousness...we wittingly or unwittingly seek nourishment for our spirit.



*Study and Discovery*

On this quest, the CofL offers a unique perspective. Listening to much of the "new age" discussion and jargon of the day is exciting. On the one hand it is evidence that orthodoxy-shaking concepts are making their way into the mainstream of everyday life. On the other hand, there is much about these discussions that leaves someone who has been exposed to the occult teachings of The Church of Light feeling unsatisfied. It's a little like having a steady diet of desert...tastes great but not very nourishing for the long haul. C.C. Zain dedicated his entire life to translating long secret

doctrines into a soul uplifting body of work that unifies an interactive system of astrology, alchemy and magic. His was a daunting life-long mission. Fulfilling his mission in the Divine Plan did not stop

by taking Hermetic Tradition and putting it in a book for all to read. His mission went far beyond recording...his mission was to show that just because our tradition rests firmly on the spiritual insights of our ancient brothers and sisters, it must be able to stand in the light of day. If it is valid and true it will stand the test. If it doesn't then it must be questioned. That is why we say that true religion and true science are one. That is also why we teach that the Religion of the Stars will be the religion of the future...because it is unfinished. Because it continues to evolve, it is capable of nourishing the spirit while incorporating new information.

If there is any doubt about today's world needing a different kind of religion, just look around. Many young people are struggling with trying to integrate their need to cope with some very complex social and spiritual issues. Static religious precepts function very well in a static social grouping. In the real world real people are left to cope with a very sophisticated "market place". Make no mistake about it...we live in a market place of com-



*Penetrating the Unknown*



*Discovering Kindred Spirits*

peting ideas and life styles! An equally sophisticated spiritual science is required to maintain equilibrium.

All great religions of the past have contributed mightily to the evolution of humankind but the youngest religions we know today were birthed 2000 years ago...the world has changed dramatically. "Turn your cheek" was meant to balance "an eye for an eye". Codes of conduct were simple then. Most of the major religions were birthed during a time when the general populace was uneducated. Today people are confronted with as many choices in one day as some people of the past faced in a lifetime. There is a great need for a religion that can understand the evolutionary forces that will affect the environment, the social order and the individual.

The Religion of the Stars does not want to compete with the religion of your childhood or of your heart. However, the BofL lessons do offer a practical and individualized approach to finding answers to sometimes difficult moral questions. The Religion of the Stars is complete enough to function as a stand alone religion or it's teachings are open enough that they can serve as supplement material to other religious experiences. Whatever the religious background one is likely to realize a sense familiarity because the BofL tradition has evolved from the same root and along parallel paths. The difference is that the BofL functioned in secrecy. Otherwise its knowledge would have suffered the same political pressures.

The truth is that no single entity has all the right answers. There are no commandments that determine the right thing to do in every situation. The days of a generic code of conduct are gone. Certainly the Bible and other holy writings

have much wisdom to offer but they are limited to the extent they become static. They are limited because it is a very complex world in which we live. It's like the old saying goes, "the more you learn, the more you learn, the more you need to know."

Most of us are accustomed to learning from a teacher. Many who come to the CofL do so because of the self-paced independent study program. However at some point each student needs a teacher. Which brings us to a very important point. The CofL is seeking teachers. We need teachers who find the ideas they read about in the 21 courses to be exciting. We need teachers who love astrology, alchemy and magic and want to see their community grow more practitioners. We need teachers who understand that we live in a very complex world and we need a new system for understanding it. We need teachers who want to grow their personal base of knowledge and to share it.

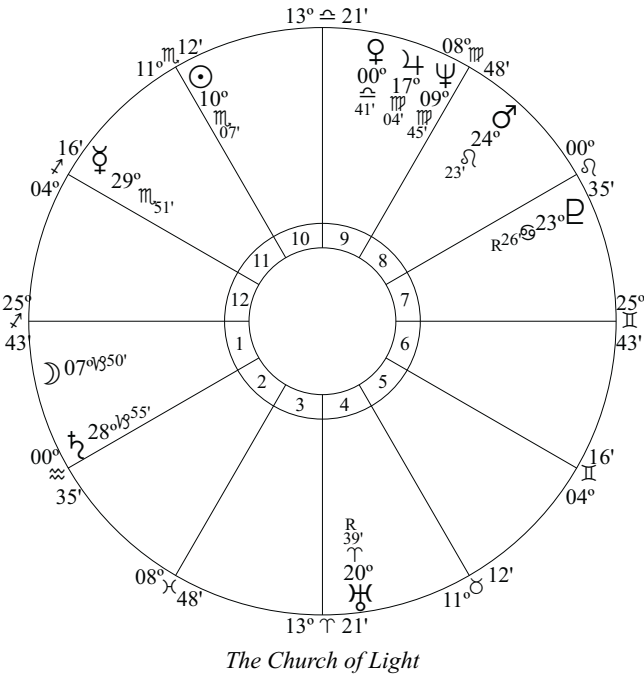
When you read this and something stirs within your heart and soul please take a look at what that movement may mean for your own personal development. If, after searching, you find that teaching may be part of your path, please contact us. We can help you develop your talents and abilities along this path. Remember it is the movement within that stirs passion. In finding passion, creative living is born.

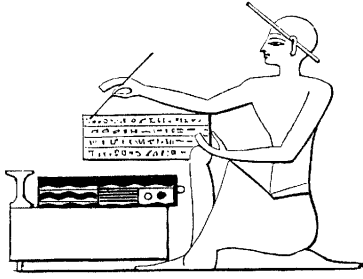
You just might be the person who sows the seeds of greatness in someone. The potential is there...most just need encouragement. The more teachers, the larger our community will grow...the larger our community grows...well, who knows what might happen? Maybe the LIGHT will grow brighter and we just might help to transform this planet into a place that is friendly to all living creatures! 🐾

PLANETS			
	Power	%	Harmony
♂	51.54	10.5	2.27
♂	50.72	10.3	2.90
♂	49.38	10.0	-14.64
♂	48.24	9.8	10.42
♂	46.98	9.5	6.16
♂	43.97	8.9	1.59
♂	39.24	8.0	-6.80
♂	39.12	7.9	-5.50
♂	34.26	7.0	8.14
♂	34.16	6.9	-13.86
♂	33.81	6.9	10.20
♂	20.85	4.2	3.83
	492.26	100.0	4.72

HOUSES			
	Power	%	Harmony
1	154.83	20.7	-1.10
9	112.41	15.0	25.25
10	99.53	13.3	0.64
7	85.76	11.5	-10.99
8	74.84	10.0	8.11
11	72.00	9.6	3.23
4	64.59	8.6	-5.35
6	23.49	3.1	3.08
2	19.59	2.6	-3.08
5	17.13	2.3	4.07
3	13.66	1.8	3.51
12	10.42	1.4	1.92

SIGNS			
	Power	%	Harmony
♈	120.24	16.1	13.65
♈	100.44	13.4	-4.60
♈	85.55	11.4	-1.65
♈	78.15	10.4	17.12
♈	74.84	10.0	8.11
♈	64.82	8.7	5.42
♈	64.59	8.6	-5.35
♈	62.27	8.3	-14.07
♈	46.98	6.3	6.16
♈	19.59	2.6	-3.08
♈	17.13	2.3	4.07
♈	13.66	1.8	3.51





State of the CofL

## Financial Report

Paul Brewer, President

### Annual Report to the Board of Directors for 2000

The year 2000 showed a definite improvement over 1999 in many ways including new members, book sales and financial support. This turned out to be a pleasant surprise for those of us who were staring at the trees instead of looking at the forest.

### Accomplishments for 2000

The 1999 Annual Report identified the following goals for the 2000:

- Complete Vision 2000 and implementation plans.
- Launch new web site (June 2000).
- Launch a new advertising campaign around our Vision and new web site (October 2000).
- Initiate the Order of the Sphinx (September 2000)

Our progress on these objectives last year was reasonably good considering the load on our mostly-volunteer staff. The near-term (next five years) Vision 2000 implementation plan was articulated and published in the Summer and Fall 2000 Quarterly issues (Vol 75, Nos. 3 & 4). The long-term implementation plan has yet to be completed. The web site has been successful. We still have work to do on our advertising plan, and this should be an important

### Church of Light Balance Sheet

December 31, 2000

#### ASSET

Cash - Gen. Acct.	11,083.69	
Less: Consol Fund Payable	(15,889.53)	
Net Cash - Gen. Acct.	(4,805.84)	
Petty Cash	91.04	
Smith Barney MM Account	108,384.19	
Smith Barney Inv. Acct.	-	
Colorado Checking Acct.	-	
Inventory-General	9,157.38	
Pre Paid Postage	600.00	
Pre Paid Seed Book Donation	-	
Acct Rec - Wholesale	5,018.34	
Acct Rec - Retail	332.58	
Acct Rec - General	3,917.75	
Total General Fund		122,695.44
C.C. Zain Print Fund		
Cash	56,381.89	
Estates	4,785.48	
Inventory-CofL	50,617.31	
Inventory - New Books	-	
Print Fund Total		111,784.68
Spanish print Fund		
Cash	1,570.98	
Inventory	52.01	
Spanish Print Fund Total		1,622.99
Quarterly Publishing Fund		-
Convention Fund		-
Advertising Fund		-
Prosperity Fund		20,709.27
Legal Expense Fund		-
Building Fund-Net		68,069.99
Equipment fund-Net		4,327.71
TOTAL ASSETS		329,210.08

#### LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCES

General Fund Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	634.41	
Retail Orders Due	(1,181.39)	
Sales Tax Payable	2,750.88	
Short Term Loans	-	
Social Security payable	0.78	
FICA	20.33	
Medicare Payable	3.99	
State Income Tax Payable	-	
Fed Tax Payable	25.00	
Deferred Rent Revenue	-	
Total Gen Fund Liabilities		2,254.00
Directed Fund Liabilities		
Long Term Loans (Bldg. Fund)		-
General Fund Balance		120,441.44
C.C. Zain Print Fund Balance		111,784.68
Spanish Print Fund Balance		1,622.99
Quarterly Print Fund Balance		-
Convention Fund Balance		-
Advertising Fund Balance		-
Prosperity Fund balance		20,709.27
Legal Expenbse Fund Balance		-
Building Fund Balance		68,069.99
Equipment Fund Balance		4,327.71
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goal to work in 2001. And, finally, most of the preparation for birthing the Order of the Sphinx was completed and a new birth time assigned for January 14, 2001. (Note: The charter was completed and signed at 12:50 P.M. PST in Brea, California on that date.)

### 2000 Membership Report

Exam activity showed 54 members passing 145 exams. Active members totaled 730 at the end of 2000 out of a total membership of 2071.

### 2000 Financial Report

Enclosed with this report are the following financial schedules:

- Balance Sheet as of 12-31-00
- Comparative Income Statement for 2000
- Comparative Support & Revenue for 2000

The Balance Sheet shows assets growing to \$329,210.08. The General Fund totaled \$122,695.44 of which \$103,578.35 is in cash (mostly in the Smith Barney account), \$9,157.38 in general book inventory and the remainder in accounts receivable. The C. C. Zain Print Fund grew by \$10,801.26 including a \$3,340.88 reduction in inventory, which is a good trend. At the end of the year, the Print Fund totaled \$111,784.68 of which \$61,167.36 was in cash and the balance in inventory.

The Lea Riffle Prosperity Fund has grown to \$20,709.27. (Shows what you can do for the price of a cup of coffee.) Liabilities totaled \$2,254.00, mostly in sales tax payable. (You might say we are a financially conservative organization given the ratio of assets to liabilities.).

The significant decrease in the General Fund cash position from the end of 1999 until the end of 2000 was due primarily to \$23,131.67 transfer in to the Building Fund. This money was used to upgrade the small building on the Coral Street property to a livable

### Church of Light Income Statement

December 31, 2000

Account	2000	1999	Net Change
Donations	69,217.77	68,156.02	1,061.75
Book Sales	28,864.23	26,548.53	2,315.70
Other Income	24,588.29	31,455.49	(6,867.20)
Total Support & Revenue	122,670.29	126,160.04	(3,489.75)
<b>COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>			
Cost of Goods Sold - CofL	9,599.07	8,268.79	1,330.28
Cost of Goods Sold - General	5,372.20	4,028.23	1,343.97
Total Cost of Goods Sold	14,971.27	12,297.02	2,674.25
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Accounts Receivable Adjust	-	-	-
Advertising - C.C. Zain Books	-	-	-
Award Manuscripts	-	-	-
Bad Debts	165.44	-	165.44
Bank Charges and Fees	83.00	184.20	(101.20)
Bronson Street Expenses	-	618.22	(618.22)
Building Maintenance	850.00	90.00	760.00
Catalog Expense	1,591.48	552.56	1,038.92
Computer Supplies & Software	1,985.89	488.98	1,496.91
Convention Costs	5,896.14	200.00	5,696.14
Depreciation	4,195.38	941.43	3,253.95
Equipment Lease	2,268.28	2,491.76	(223.48)
Equipment Maintenance	207.00	771.69	(564.69)
Gen Advertising Expense	6,448.90	4,194.90	2,254.00
General Office Expense	2,409.39	4,319.97	(1,910.58)
Gift Expense	355.70	100.00	255.70
Insurance	2,505.35	3,038.21	(532.86)
Insurance- Zain Books	-	-	-
Inventory Adjustments - CofL	115.60	(299.53)	415.13
Inventory Adjustments - Genl	1,970.44	(628.18)	2,598.62
Legal Fees	1,652.15	3,582.16	(1,930.01)
Merchant Serv. - CR CARD Expense	1,122.99	570.47	552.52
Misc Expense	2,634.49	3,831.70	(1,197.21)
Post & Freight - Sales/UPS	(1,934.89)	551.27	(2,486.16)
Postage - Misc. bulk mailings	379.35	337.01	42.34
Postage - Quarterly	171.44	371.00	(199.56)
Postage Meter	6,796.80	4,710.34	2,086.46
Postcard	780.57	222.82	557.75
Quarterly Publication cost	2,085.48	4,119.48	(2,034.00)
Rent	14,509.35	14,400.00	109.35
Reproduction Costs	-	359.86	(359.86)
Returned Checks	48.65	91.15	(42.50)
Returns & Allowances	18.95	-	18.95
Salaries & Related Exp	28,645.10	37,300.93	(8,655.83)
Seed Book Project Cost	-	-	-
Ship & Handle - Inventory	258.15	102.44	155.71
Shipping material	922.29	294.64	627.65
Stationary & Supplies	4,346.40	3,159.85	1,186.55
Storage - Zain Books	3,634.00	2,047.32	1,586.68
Taxes & Licenses	1,103.73	924.55	179.18
Telephone	4,324.74	5,188.38	(863.64)
Two Keys Project Cost	-	-	-
Travel	160.00	655.00	(495.00)
Typeset & Art - Advertising	-	-	-
Typeset & Art - Zain Publishing	-	-	-
Utilities - 2337 Coral	-	276.55	(276.55)
Utilities - 2341 Coral	1,040.19	282.13	758.06
Total Expenses	103,747.92	100,443.26	3,304.66
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>3,951.10</b>	<b>13,419.76</b>	<b>(9,468.66)</b>

**Church of Light Support & Revenue**

December 31, 2000

Account	2000	1999	Net Change
<b>DONATIONS</b>			
General	42,617.99	47,972.38	(5,354.39)
Pledge	2,162.00	870.00	1,292.00
New Member & Exam	3,408.37	4,134.80	(726.43)
Convention Donations	6,124.39	-	6,124.39
Advertising Donations	-	-	-
Total Support & Revenue	54,312.75	52,977.18	1,335.57
C.C. Zain Print Fund	10,731.52	10,107.00	624.52
Spanish Print Fund	89.00	21.00	68.00
Quarterly Print Fund	447.00	1,675.20	(1,228.20)
Advertising Fund	2,341.50	1,696.00	645.50
Prosperity Fund	1,296.00	1,679.64	(383.64)
Building Fund	-	-	-
Equipment Fund	-	-	-
TOTAL DONATIONS	69,217.77	68,156.02	1,061.75
<b>SALES</b>			
Wholesale - Non-Taxable	8,843.50	9,730.25	(886.75)
Retail - Non-Taxable	14,727.55	13,572.43	1,155.12
Retail - Taxable	5,293.18	3,245.85	2,047.33
TOTAL SALES	28,864.23	26,548.53	2,315.70
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>			
Miscellaneous Income	152.31	13,495.72	(13,343.41)
Interest & Divident Income	12,272.73	2,473.34	9,799.39
Bronson St. Rental Income	-	8,190.93	(8,190.93)
Coral St. Rental Income	12,163.25	7,295.50	4,867.75
TOTAL OTHER INCOME	24,588.29	31,455.49	(6,867.20)
<b>TOTAL SUPPORT &amp; REVENUE</b>	<b>122,670.29</b>	<b>126,160.04</b>	<b>(3,489.75)</b>

apartment. This investment, plus the extraordinary one-time anonymous donations made during 1997-1998 to upgrade the big house (Elbert's old home) has raised the property value from around \$50,000 in 1993 to a current estimated value of \$250,000!

The 2000 income statement shows an excess of revenue and support of expenses of \$3,951.10. If one subtracts the one-time gain from the sale of the Currey property in 1999, then this is a significantly better situation than last year. Expenses were up only slightly

from last year, an increase of \$3,304.66.

The schedule of Support and Revenue for 2000 shows an increase in total donations of \$1,061.75 and an increase in book sales of \$2,315.70. Interest and dividends from the Smith Barney account of \$12,272.73 helped to offset the one-time gain of approximately \$13,000 last year.

Finally, in addition to the Coral Street property and some computer equipment, the schedule of Fixed Assets this years shows \$4,516.67 (after a 33% amortization reduction) due to a decision to capitalize the year 2000 cost of building the new website. The remainder of this asset will be written off over 2001 and 2002.

### Goals and Objectives for 2001

Although our plans for 2001 are ambitious, we have already made a good start. The following list identifies the important goals for the new year:

Publish three new books in the new, hardbound format, including *Esoteric Psychology* (5), *Stellar Healing* (16) and *Imponderable Forces* (18).

- Upgrade our advertising to reflect Vision 2000 and take advantage of our web site.
- Complete the Sacred Tarot audio tape.
- Develop a plan for re-drawing and re-printing the Tarot cards.
- Start working the complete BofL series on CD-ROM.





*An important message to our readers!*

**There is no subscription for  
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Before there were 21 BofL Courses...even before The Brotherhood of Light became the Church of Light...Elbert Benjamine began publishing an Annual Newsletter (these can be read in the Archive Section of the CofL web site). From that time the annual evolved into a Quarterly. Even during the times when the CofL could barely afford to keep the lessons in print, there was a Quarterly. Until the web site was activated it was the only means by which the far flung CofL membership could know anything at all about one another. It has always been the official means for sharing CofL news and information.

There is one thing you may be sure of ...the Quarterly is here to stay. Although there have been many lovely and generous contributions to the Quarterly Fund, many of our readers have never made a contribution.

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trary symbols men recorded their ideas as symbolical pictographs.

Peru, Mexico, Crete, China, Mesopotamia, India and Egypt — the seven chief colonies of Atlantis — each shows at its very beginning a rather high cultural development, such as entitles it to be called civilized. Not only some more or less arbitrary form of written language, but art, medicine, agriculture, astronomy, and political codes set each apart from adjacent savage people. Yet the early forms of more arbitrary writing mentioned were supplemented, at least where astrology and spiritual ideas were concerned, by the still older form, the characters of which probably were derived from ancient Atlantis.

This older form was made use of, for instance, by the American Indian, until he was induced to attend our modern schools and learn English. To represent good hunting, he painted or carved on a rock a picture of a mountain sheep or other game. To record a rabbit drive he drew the crude outline of a net into which grotesque hares were scampering. This was simple pictograph. It was effective up to a certain point; but was incapable of portraying philosophical ideas or opinions. For that purpose it became necessary to picture some object which would suggest by its common association, the thought the writer had in mind.

In our desert region the Indian artist, when he wished to indicate where a waterhole was located, would trace a line on a rock in that direction. He felt no need of picturing the water or the waterhole; for every Indian trail, in such a region, ends only at a waterhole. Where the line stopped this became the symbol of a waterhole; and in drawing such a line, he was using symbolical pictograph writing to indicate where other Indians might find relief from burning desert thirst. Such picture writing can be found throughout the western arid region all the way from Canada to Mexico.

Or to come nearer home, when we say, "The pen is mightier than the sword," we convey the idea that the written thought is superior to warfare. If this same idea were to be written in symbolical pictograph, it would present to view a broken sword lying beneath a pen. That is, to a people conversant with the common use of both sword and pen, the superiority of writing would immediately be apparent in the picture.

For such symbolical pictographs to be intelligible age after age, and thus not change their meaning markedly, as do more arbitrary forms of writing, the objects depicted must

be such as readily to suggest, through their common associations, the thought it is wished to convey. That is, a balloon pictured among the constellations would have had no significance to ancient peoples; for they had had no experience with aeronautics. For that matter, the full significance of Sagittarius, Centaurus, Equulus, and Pegasus could not have been comprehended by American Indians before the landing of the Spaniards and the consequent introduction of horses. To get the complete meaning those who placed

these figures in the sky sought to convey, one must be conversant with the use of a horse to carry its rider. Then the implication of the speed and carrying power of thought are suggested.

But the arrow which Sagittarius aims was well understood to them. And the Hopi Indians, in their ancient Calling Back the Sun ceremony, held exactly at the winter solstice when the Sun moves from Sagittarius into the earthy sign Capricorn, have their Thunderbird man, who was their Santa Claus before the Whites landed on our shores, snatch up arrows and throw

them violently into a little mound of earth (Capricorn). That is, arrows, because their common associations are more widely recognized, are symbols more universal than are horses.

Yet if an Indian or other primitive man had been shown the symbolical pictograph by which the constellation Pegasus is portrayed in the sky he would have understood one portion of the conception perfectly. He would be familiar, through watching the flight of birds, with the idea that wings are used to carry their owners aloft. He would also be familiar with the thought of a higher, or spiritual realm, a Happy Hunting Ground, a region in which apparently he traveled in his sleep, and from which he brought back memories of those occurrences we call dreams. And thus would he largely have grasped the thought of contacting inner realms, which caused the Greeks to say that all poets, before they can attract the Muse, first must drink at the fountain created by a blow from the hoof of Pegasus.

What I here am trying to emphasize is that the chief tenets of astrology have been handed down from a past so remote that those who passed this information on, either had no arbitrary form of written language, or such as they did have has long been lost in the inexorable changes wrought by passing time. Either because they had no other written form, or because they recognized the more permanent nature of such characters, therefore, they recorded such ideas as they left to us in the same language still employed by primitive peo-





ple; in the language whose written characters are symbolical pictographs, and whose oral expression takes the form of myth and legend.

Nor is it unusual, even when more modern forms of writing come into use, for people to use the earlier types of language to convey their spiritual conceptions. The Roman Catholic religion still adheres to Latin, a language which has passed from common usage; and the Egyptians used hieroglyphics in practically all their religious writings, long after the adoption, for other purposes, of the far simpler forms.

If we are intelligently to study what the ancients thought and taught, we must drop our assumption of mental superiority based merely on the fact that we use a different method of acquiring information and a different language in presenting it to others. We must be willing, not to accept their ideas merely because they taught them, but to test statistically, or at least scientifically in the modern way, what they taught in an effort to perceive how much is truth and how much they left is rubbish. And to know what they taught, and thus to know what to put to the test of modern scientific methods, we must learn the language which invariably they used to record their findings.

That is, we must be able to translate into plain straightforward English the symbolical pictographs which constitute the 48 constellations they traced in the sky, and the symbolical pictographs which constitute an additional commentary on the teachings of the 48 constellations, on the influence of the planets, on thoughts, and on people born under the various signs, which they inscribed on tarot cards.

And we must not entirely overlook what has been recorded orally. The myths and legends and folklore of the various peoples of the world often are very interesting as stories. But in addition to their entertainment value, which has been

given to them to insure that they shall be perpetuated, they also, quite as much as pictures drawn upon a rock, convey ideas of more serious import.

Either pictures or stories may have a certain attractiveness of form; but pictures are not drawn, in the sky or on rocks, nor are stories perpetuated, by primitive peoples except they are employed to give expression through pictograph or universal symbolism to important thoughts which there is a desire to convey to other minds.

Because each card of the tarot was designed to depict in more detail, the significance of some astrological principle, including the signs, decanates and planets, it would be interesting if we knew exactly where the Stellar Wisdom which they portray first was practiced. We know that in forms which are but modifications of an identical original, it was present at the very beginning of the seven mentioned ancient centers of civilization. And experience proves that wherever a particular biological form, or a culture having many complex yet identical interrelating factors, is present in different areas of the world, it had its origin in a single region of dispersal. The inference, therefore, is that the symbolical pictographs of both the constellations and the tarot, as well as much important myth and legend, were carried from Atlantis to various regions of the earth before that ill-fated continent sank.

The value and correctness of the ideas left by ancient minds, as recorded in the constellations and on the tarot cards, should never be taken for granted. They should be subjected to the strictest tests. Yet in view of the fact that most of the astrological precepts thus handed down have stood the severe tests of practical application, and are found sound by modern astrological practitioners, it would seem that other of their ideas well warrant thorough examination. After all,

they were specialists, not in mechanics and invention, as are modern men, nor even in art and literature as were the Greeks, but in determining the relation between the soul and the stars; between the influences of signs and planets and the things of the earth. For thousands of generations specially gifted men were set apart to devote their entire lives exclusively to such research.

The Anu Enlil Series of Chaldea, for instance, which recorded both the positions in the heavens and the coincident events which happened on the earth in an effort to correlate these factors, extended unbroken for over a thousand years.

It is from these Chaldeans we derive the pictures of the constellations. Modern maps of the sky have many more than 48 constellations, because with the study of modern astronomy, kings and notables desired something placed in the heavens to remember them by, and the astronomers, who were dependent for livelihood upon such patronage, were accommodating. But the Greeks visited Chaldea and brought home the celestial sphere of the Chaldeans. And these old Greek sources show only 48 constellations, each describing, in characters of symbolical pictograph, one of the 12 signs, or one of the 36 decanates into which the Chaldeans divided their zodiac.



That is, having traced in stars of light above the broader principles of that which they had learned they sought, and found in the tarot pictures, a medium for supplementing the amount of knowledge to be conveyed to following generations.

To give more details in reference to astrological principles and the spiritual science which they ever linked to these principles, the ancients had recourse to plates containing other descriptions also written in symbolical pictograph.

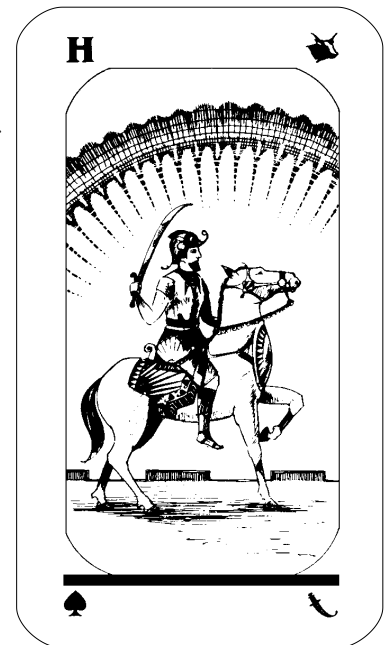
To make clear what I mean let us briefly consider, say, the symbols used for Mars, and the picture used for the constellation Virgo:



The symbol of Mars, as it has come down to us, shows either the cross of earth, or the spear of aggression, above and dominating the circle of spirit. This portrays well enough that a warlike spirit, or passions and gross appetites, prevail over the finer nature when Mars has unbridled sway; but it does not convey the almost equally important information that, as we have now determined statistically, Mars is responsible for more accidents than any other planet. Yet this is portrayed clearly in the Mars tarot, Arcanum XVI, where lightning striking the top of a pyramid smashes it and hurls two men to the earth.

The constellation Virgo, picturing the sign, is represented by a woman who holds a palm frond in one hand and ears of wheat in the other. This suggests the raising of crops and their harvest, and the Tree of Good

and Evil which grew in the Garden of Eden which attracted Eve. And if we know the Bible story in which through yielding to Eve's temptation, man was condemned to live by the sweat of his brow, it links the sign up with the house of labor, which in a natural chart it rules. All that the constellation pictures is true enough; but if we now turn to the Virgo tarot card, Arcanum II, showing a woman seated at the Temple of Isis, crowned with a tiara of three stories, and on her knees an open book which she half covers with her mantle, and the symbol of Mercury upon her bosom; we find emphasized that this is a mental sign, that objective consciousness perceives only the external side of truth, that thought determines on each of the three planes of existence the level occupied by the person, and much information on how to acquire a mental harvest of value.





Later generations not only added new constellations to the sky to honor their kings and nobles, but they also altered the tarot pictures to conform to their religious conceptions and their mode of life. To indicate more clearly what I mean, consider that on one of the best English packs the horseman of swords is an armored crusader, dashing across the frontier into another's domain in the well known effort to spread enlightenment by means of the sword. The picture instantly suggests the conquest of far-flung empire and the forceful dissemination of Christian creeds among the benighted heathens thus conquered.

Or consider that the Jews believed that they were a chosen people; that Jehovah was a God of favoritism who could be cajoled into granting unmerited rewards to those who gained His good graces. Christianity inherited the same idea; and therefore in many Christian tarot packs, we find justice, not blindfolded, as the Egyptian pack portrays because Egyptian initiates believed justice to be the operation of an undeviating natural law; but with her eyes wide open to bribe and prejudice.

As in the case of the constellations, if we wish to know what the ancient initiates intended to convey through the tarot, we must go back to a time when astrology was looked upon with favor. And fortunately, just as the Chaldean constellations were correctly preserved by the Greeks, so also a Greek, Iamblichus, a Neo-platonist of the fourth century, has preserved for us in a document entitled, *An Egyptian Initiation*, an accurate description of each of the old Egyptian tarot pictures.

These tarot pictures were frescoed on the walls of an ancient Egyptian initiation chamber, and The Brotherhood of Light Egyptian Tarot cards were designed painstaking to preserve, in every detail, the pictures exactly as described by him. The Egyptian tarot pack in its symbolical pictographs thus accurately portrays the Stellar Wisdom as it was understood by Egyptian initiates. And these, as well as the Chaldeans, were thoroughly conversant with astrology.

**SIGNS AND PLANETS** — Of chief importance in astrology are the influences of the 10 planets and 12 zodiacal signs. Therefore, to describe these influences those who designed the tarot drew 22 more complex symbolical pictographs; one to explain each planet and one to explain each sign. These constitute the 22 Major, or more important, Arcana. Arcanum means a mystery; and the tarot cards are called Arcana because they explain the astrological influences, without a knowledge of which the cause of most of the conditions and happenings of life remain a mystery.

**DECANATES** — The signs of the zodiac are divided into three sections of 10 degrees each, called decanates, and having each its own distinctive influence. As there are 12 signs this gives 36 decanates; therefore to describe their significance, which is not so important as that of planets and signs, the ancients designed 36 less complex symbolical

pictographs, which are known as the Minor Arcana of the tarot.

**TRIPPLICITY** — There are 9 decanates in the zodiac belonging to each of four triplicities; and on the Minor Arcana describing their influence the triplicity to which the decanate belongs is indicated by its suit. But these astrological principles of fire, water, air and earth were deemed of sufficient importance by the ancients that they designed a Minor Arcanum No. 10 for each of the four suits to explain them. Thus, even as in modern playing cards, which were derived from them, there are a total of 40 Minor Arcana.

**ASPECTS** — The astrological aspects are classified as harmonious or discordant. Unlike playing cards, the tarots have a top and a bottom; and when a card is right way up it signifies that the influence is as favorable as if the astrological factor received a harmonious aspect; but when the card is reversed it signifies the influence is to be considered as if the astrological factor received a discordant aspect.

**HOUSES** — Houses, which in a birth chart indicate the departments of life affected by the influences are not given separate characters in the tarot; but are signified by the Spread; that is, by the manner in which the cards are placed in giving a reading.

**PEOPLE** — Because what happened to people and the influence upon their characters and lives of astrological forces, was of paramount importance to those who designed the tarot, as they are to astrologers of this day; they devoted one card to explaining the character and probable activities of persons born under each zodiacal sign. Some of these are pictured as men and women. A card representing a woman when reversed signifies a man, and a card representing a man when reversed denotes a woman. These constitute 12 of the Court Arcana, corresponding to the face cards in the common playing pack.

**THOUGHTS** — But astrological energies also have an influence over people's thoughts; and the type of thinking thus stimulated was considered by these Wise Men of the East to be of vast importance. Therefore, they explained the influence of each of the four types of thinking — about business and honor, about affections and the home, about money and health, and about war and strife — by a separate card, which because it depicts a human figure on a horse is also classified as a Court Arcanum. In addition to the 12 face cards of the common pack, the tarot has four horsemen, or 16 Court Arcana in all.

The complete pack of cards, each Egyptian tarot explaining in the language of symbolical pictograph some vital astrological information, contains 22 Major Arcana, 40 Minor Arcana, and 16 Court Arcana; or 78 explanatory designs in all. 🐎

*Part 2 of this series will be continued in the Summer 2001 issue of the Quarterly with an explanation of Arcanum 1*

## Mundane Astrology

### Cycle Charts 2001...and a little more

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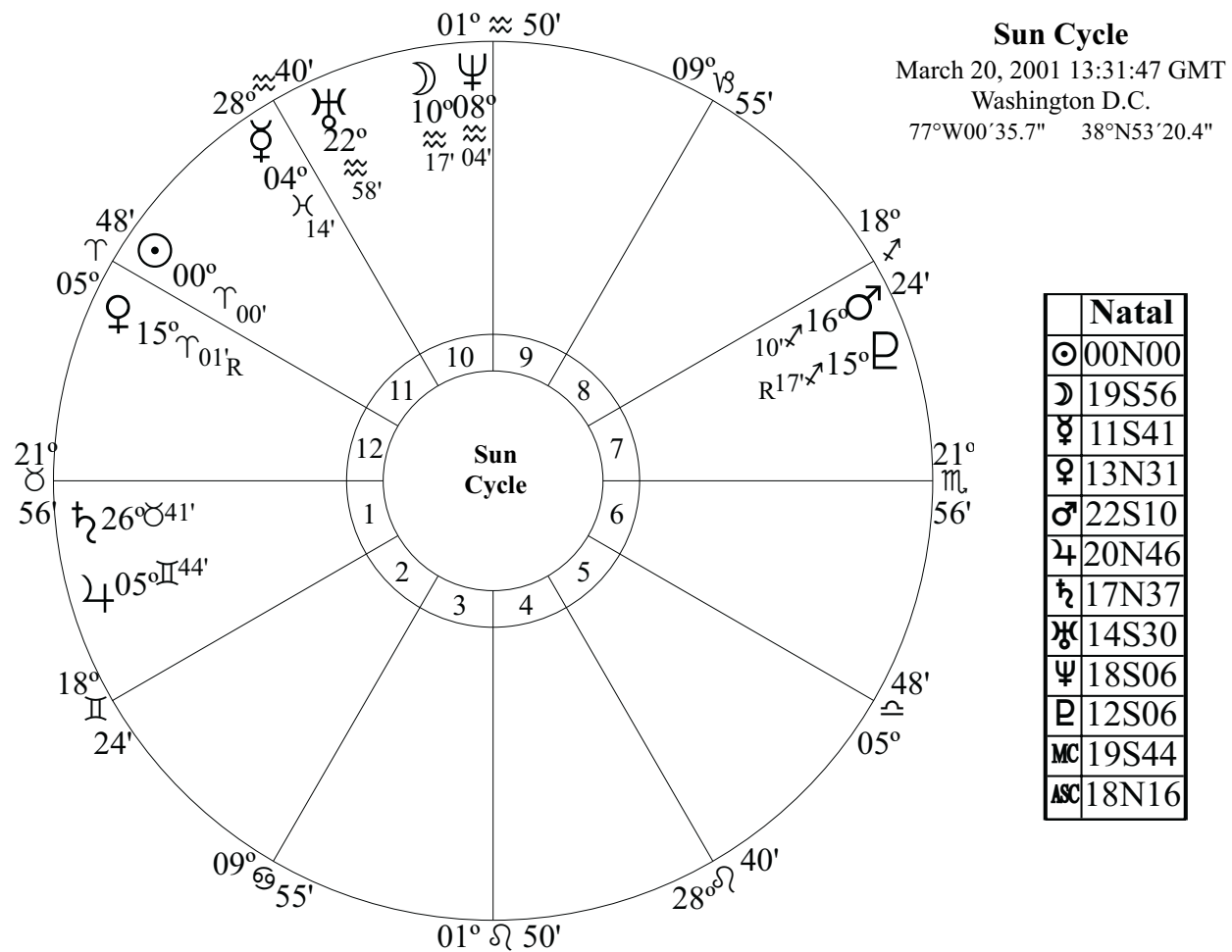


The Charts in this section of the Quarterly can be used by the student Hermetician for the purposes of answering the questions for the Course 13, *Mundane Astrology* exam.

#### General Comments...

The CofL encourages all students to monitor these mundane charts throughout the year (or cycle) for significant events

and observations. It is our hope that students will begin the process of sharing their observations with one another as a learning tool and to contribute to the process of evolving Hermetic Astrology. Students may tend to refrain from sharing their thoughts because they think they are not welcome or appreciated. Somewhere along the way the CofL earned a reputation for being dogmatic and authoritarian. No doubt the Church's Sun in fixed Scorpio in the 10th house may have something to do with this impression.





Also, Saturn in the 1st tends toward rigidity and fear. The net result might be that the CofL is perceived as unfriendly to new ideas and methods.

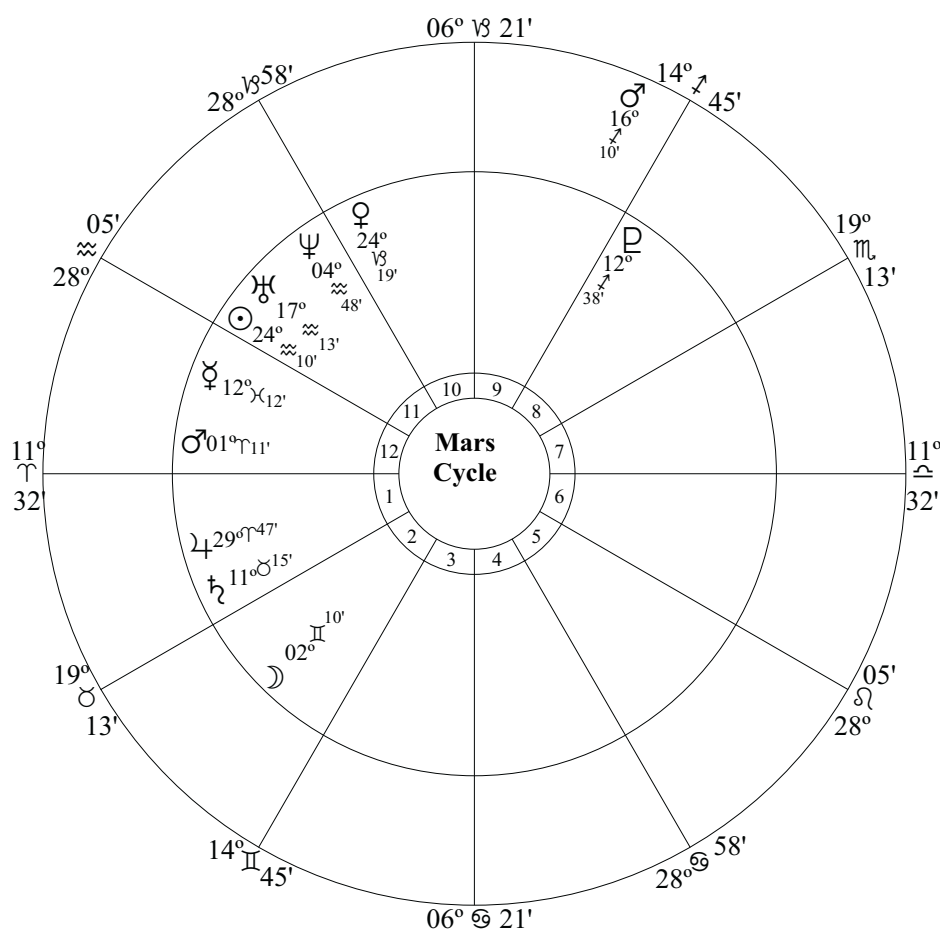
All its not lost! Because the CofL is an organic structure that is also growing and evolving it can learn to express its higher nature. Saturn is trine Venus in the 9th so with a little cultivation and coaxing, the membership will be able to step forward. Another positive is the Moon in the 1st trine Jupiter and Neptune in the 9th. Clearly, the CofL is blessed with some very talented members who by virtue of the energy represented by the Sun (in the 10th) sitting in the middle of the Moon Jupiter/Neptune trine are just waiting for the opportunity to share their knowledge and observations! What is needed is the structure for them to move into with their creative energy (see the CofL chart on page 4). We are working on this.

The positive side of Saturn is found in structure, system and order. With Saturn there needs to be an ample supply of Sun energy. The Sun supplies enough confidence that concerns don't translate into fears and fears don't translate into rigidity. As a group we can create a community where it's okay to have new ideas because we have the confidence of knowing the baseline from which we emanate.

Our baseline is the BofL lessons. Like everything else, KNOWLEDGE evolves. We have a mandate from our founder to "grow" the knowledge base of the Stellarian Religion. Healthy growth must originate from its center. Our center is the BofL lessons.

During Elbert Benjamine's time the Astrological and ESP research departments enjoyed easy access to his writings. The concepts proving validity or worthiness made their way into the body of the BofL lessons for all time! Just because Elbert Benjamine passed on in 1951 didn't mean we were supposed to stop growing our knowledge base. However, because the CofL lacked an appropriate system for incorporating new knowledge much of the CofL's progress was based upon the impact of strong personalities. The downside of this is what we all know happens when strong personalities clash. The danger is a highly charged political situation whereby the welfare of the organization is at risk because it is secondary to personality issues.

Can we change this? The answer is, "Of course"! The method for effecting this type of change lies in the creation of a system whereby the membership is allowed access to the mechanism for growing the KNOWLEDGE BASE. We must all be allowed to communicate and interact with one



### Mars Cycle Washington D.C.

February 13, 2000  
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☽	16N04
♂	06S27
♀	21S06
♂	00N00
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♂	13N05
♂	16S18
♂	18S51
♂	11S24
MC	23S17
ASC	04N34

another. Developing the method for achieving this begins now. The Quarterly will play an important role in developing this dialogue between members and teachers.

A knowledge elite does not exist within the CofL...at one point it did...that time has come and gone! The CofL is in the next phase of its evolution. It has talent and standards. Standards, unified with talented and capable members who hold the desire to grow their personal knowledge base within a community that supports mutual progress is a potentially powerful FORCE. There is a unique opportunity to consciously tap into the higher side of Pluto. Cultivating purposeful communication between members will ultimately tap into the Mercury in the 11th house that drains the Saturn, Pluto opposition. However, to gain the positive benefits of this energy potential, focus must be placed on process and not personality.

Most CofL members are attracted to Hermetic Astrology because it is based upon the proposition that there is an underlying science to astrology. Because of the perceived feud between Science and Religion, this appears to be a problem. The CofL takes the position that it is a temporary concern.

The problem occurs because material science is unable to cope with the idea that something which, at this point in

time, appears to be non-material can be systematically studied. The evolution of anything has a TIME component! The right timing and the right tools may not yet be at hand for the material scientist but the spiritual scientist is prepared to begin the study. C.C. Zain began the process.

Those who hear the clarion call and can see far enough into time KNOW the two halves will eventually merge...in the meantime there is much work to be done before "true science and true religion" are recognized as one.

Questions begin the process...what is the scientific method? How can it be implemented in the study of astrology and the other spiritual sciences? A recent search of the web resulted in a reasonably simple delineation of the methods of science. (see page 2 of this Quarterly).

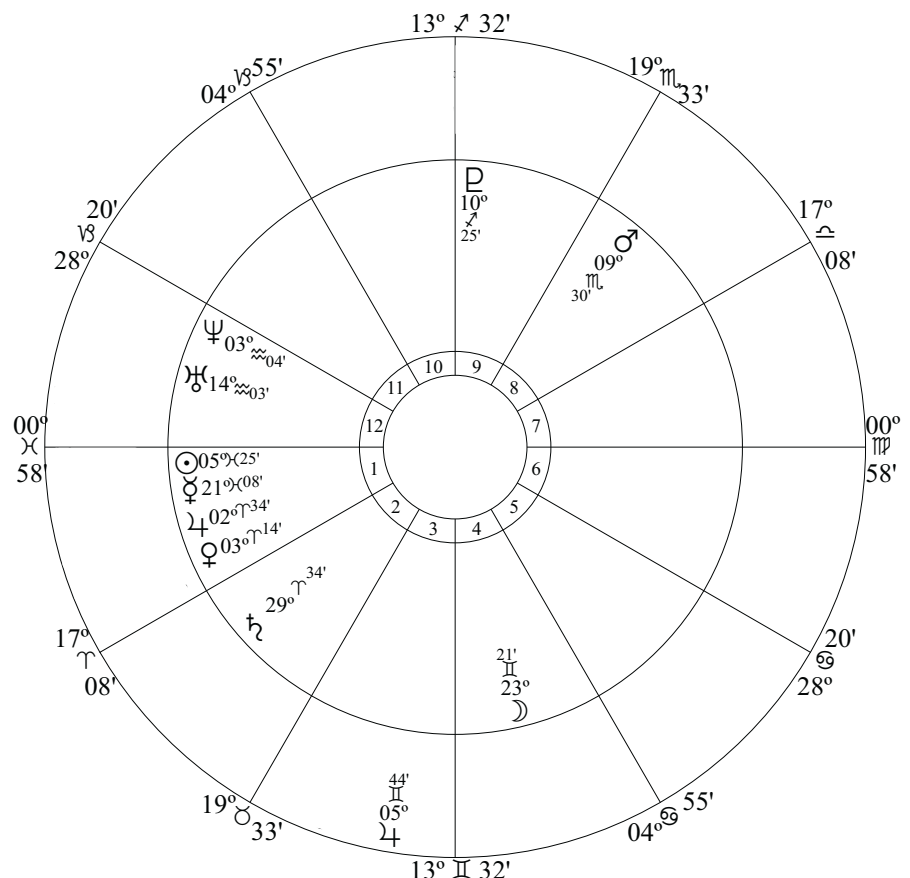
The CofL's quest to implement the scientific method is even more demanding because of its definition of wholeness which includes the material and non-material worlds. The questions traverse the borderline between both worlds. Though difficult, it is possible to grow a community within which good and relevant questions can be asked. Research

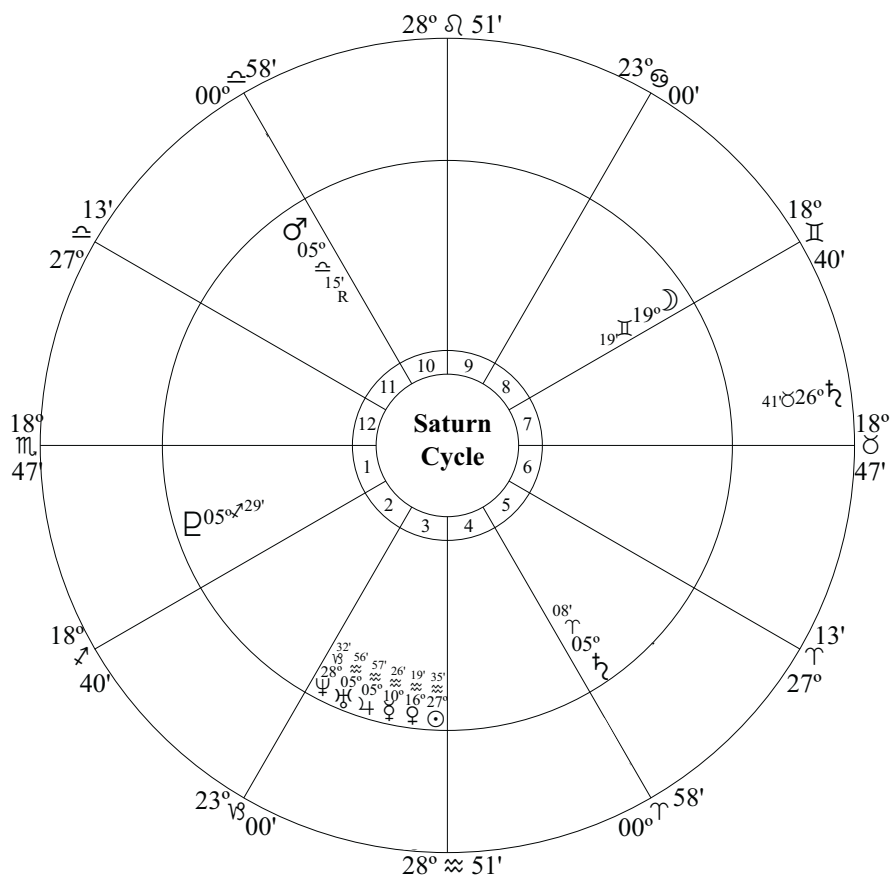
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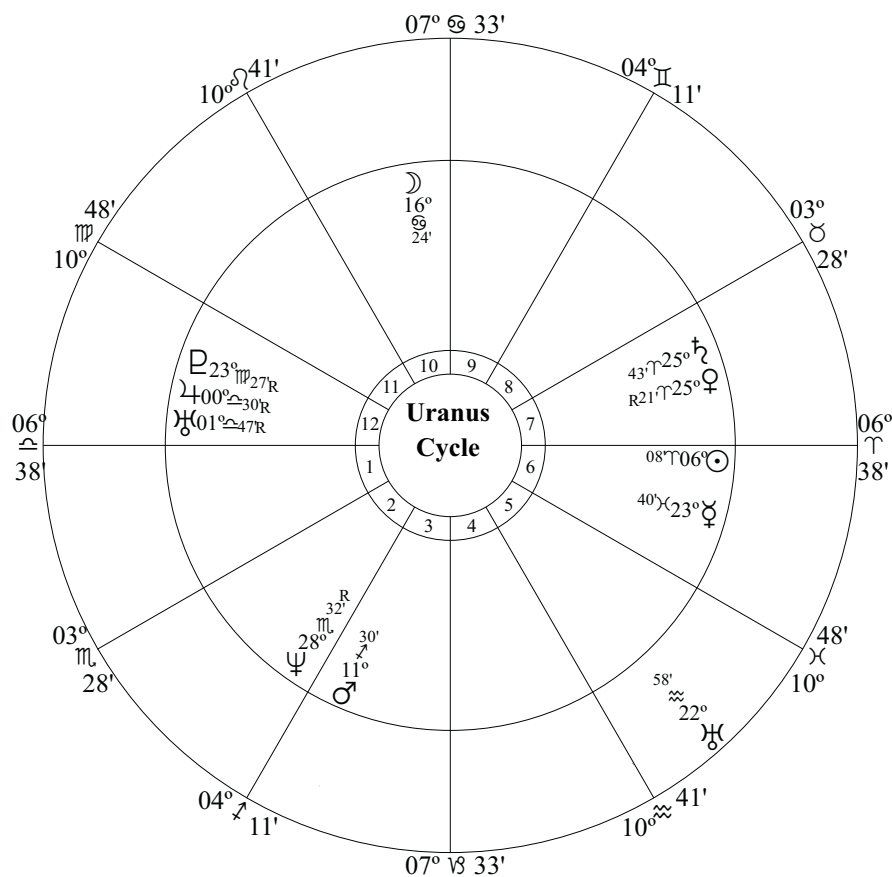
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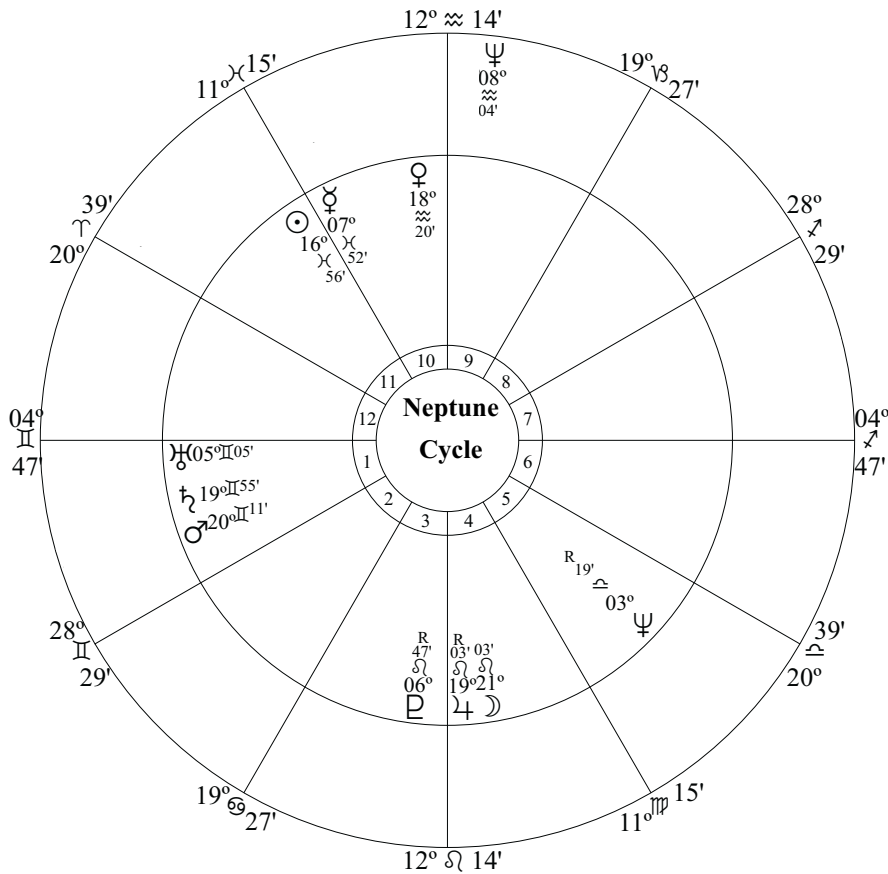
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ASC	17S25

### Uranus Cycle Washington D.C.

March 26, 1969  
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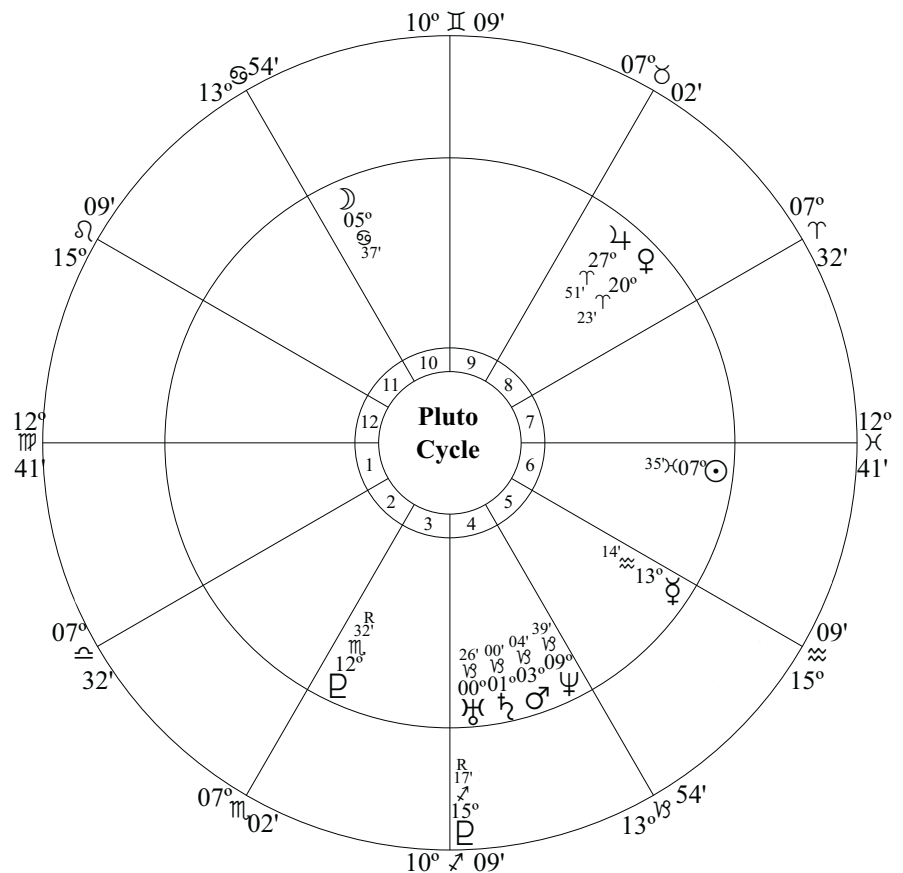




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♂	24N01
♂	17S08
♂	21N06

**Pluto Cycle**  
Washington D.C.  
February 26, 1988  
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♂	09N44
♂	22S19
♂	23S37
♂	22S08
♂	00N00
♂	21N59
♂	06N48



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can lead to the confidence to say what is known and what is theory. What is sought is TRUTH.

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*Back to Mundane...*

Remember in Mundane Astrology, only the planet for which the chart is erected is progressed...the progression is by transit position of the planet for which the cycle is erected. The charts here presented are progressed to 3-20-01 13:31:47 GMT.

*The following is a brief sketch of the types of energies associated with each planetary cycle.*

**Mars**—is creative energy in operation. Its tendency is toward accidents because it moves so fast. In thought he rules mechanics, in business he rules manufacturing and the military. In politics he rules industrial workers, law enforcement agencies and the military.

**Jupiter**—the influence of Jupiter on everything he contacts in in the direction of expansion. He governs religion and philosophy in thought; finance and commerce in business, and the influence of capitalism in politics.

**Saturn**—is the planet of safety, economy and poverty. Like Jupiter, he is a business planet and tends toward contraction,

over cautiousness and to measures of protection. Saturn rules the land, the buildings on the land, the crops which grow from the soil, the mineral wealth under the ground and basic utilities like steel, lumber and coal. He also has chief influence over the weather...especially severe weather. In thought he is ultra conservative; in religion strictly orthodox and in politics is represented by the miner and the farmer.

**Uranus**—is the planet of extremes and unexpected happenings. Two things Uranus dislikes...the usual and things as they are. He is the planet of reform and revolution. He is altruistic by nature.

**Neptune**—the pronounced influence of Neptune is to exaggerate the hopes and expectations. He is the most active factor in promotion schemes, vast undertakings, inflation and socialistic or utopian enterprises.

**Pluto**—is characterized by group activity for the accomplishment of some purpose. Being neither milk or water he either cooperates or coerces. 🐉

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The timing data is from *Table of Planetary Phenomena*, Second Edition by Neil F. Michelsen Revisions by Rique Pottenger. The geographical data is for the US Capitol and is taken from *Longitudes and Latitudes in the U.S.* published by AFA.



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## Attitude

### **Twenty Science Attitudes**

*Taken from The Kansas School Naturalist, Vol. 35, No. 4, April 1989.*

#### Staff

Elbert Benjamine (C.C. Zain) emphasized that the reason The Religion of the Stars will evolve into the Aquarian Age religion is because of its mission to incorporate new knowledge as it is verified. This is so because inherent in our teachings is the notion that “True Science and True Religion are One”. They are one because the subject of their study is the same. The primary difference is that as a Spiritual Science, the Religion of the Stars is free to study both worlds...the causative world and its corresponding material manifestations. Material scientists don’t have the same freedom...YET!

In the meantime, we must begin the process of speaking the same language based upon standards that communicate across the barriers...being mindful that though worlds apart, we are moving toward the same end...the TRUTH.

Some of us cringe at the notion of applying the scientific method to astrology and ESP. However, the true Occultist welcomes the opportunity because it can only lead to a larger picture of the reality in which we live.

Recently, while surfing the web, the following article was discovered. It outlines some scientific principles that are simple and easy to understand and will serve to guide our community as we evolve self awareness and a stronger sense of our Stellarian community.

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“1. Empiricism. Simply said, a scientist prefers to “look and see.” You do not argue about whether it is raining out-

side—just stick a hand out the window. Underlying this is the belief that there is one real world following constant rules in nature, and that we can probe that real world and build our understanding—it will not change on us. Nor does the real world depend upon our understanding—we do not “vote” on science.

“2. Determinism. “Cause-and-effect” underlie everything.

In simple mechanisms, an action causes a reaction, and effects do not occur without causes. This does not mean that some processes are not random or chaotic. But a causative agent does not alone produce one effect today and another tomorrow.

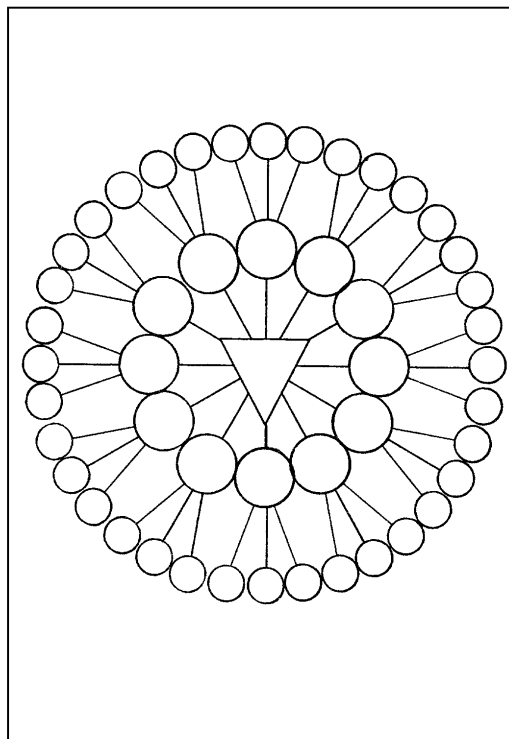
“3. A belief that problems have solutions. Major problems have been tackled in the past, from the Manhattan Project to sending a man to the moon. Other problems such as pollution, war, poverty, and ignorance are seen as having real causes and are therefore solvable—perhaps not easily, but possible.

“4. Parsimony. Prefer the simple explanation to the complex: when both the complex earth-centered system with epicycles and the simple Copernican sun-centered system explain apparent

planetary motion, we choose the simpler.

“5. Scientific manipulation. Any idea, even though it may be simple and conform to apparent observations, must usually be confirmed by work that teases out the possibility that the effects are caused by other factors.

“6. Skepticism. Nearly all statements make assumptions of prior conditions. A scientist often reaches a dead end in re-



search and has to go back and determine if all the assumptions made are true to how the world operates.

“7. Precision. Scientists are impatient with vague statements: A virus causes disease? How many viruses are needed to infect? Are any hosts immune to the virus? Scientists are very exact and very “picky”.

“8. Respect for paradigms. A paradigm is our overall understanding about how the world works. Does a concept “fit” with our overall understanding or does it fail to weave in with our broad knowledge of the world? If it doesn’t fit, it is “bothersome” and the scientist goes to work to find out if the new concept is flawed or if the paradigm must be altered.

“9. A respect for power of theoretical structure. Diederich describes how a scientist is unlikely to adopt the attitude: “That is all right in theory but it won’t work in practice.” He notes that theory is “all right” only if it does work in practice. Indeed the rightness of the theory is in the end what the scientist is working toward; no science facts are accumulated at random. (This is an understanding that many science fair students must learn!)

“10. Willingness to change opinion. When Harold Urey, author of one textbook theory on the origin of the moon’s surface, examined the moon rocks brought back from the Apollo mission, he immediately recognized this theory did not fit the hard facts laying before him. “I’ve been wrong!” he proclaimed without any thought of defending the theory he had supported for decades.

“11. Loyalty to reality. Dr. Urey above did not convert to just any new idea, but accepted a model that matched reality better. He would never have considered holding to an opinion just because it was associated with his name.

“12. Aversion to superstition and an automatic preference for scientific explanation. No scientist can know all of the experimental evidence underlying current science concepts and therefore must adopt some views without understanding their basis. A scientist rejects superstition and prefers science paradigms out of an appreciation for the power of reality based knowledge.

“13. A thirst for knowledge, an “intellectual drive.” Scientists are addicted puzzle-solvers. The little piece of the puzzle that doesn’t fit is the most interesting. However, as Diederich notes, scientists are willing to live with incompleteness rather than “...fill the gaps with off-hand explanations.”

“14. Suspended judgment. Again Diederich describes: “A scientist tries hard not to form an opinion on a given issue until he has investigated it, because it is so hard to give up opinion already formed, and they tend to make us find facts that support the opinions... There must be however, a will-

ingness to act on the best hypothesis that one has time or opportunity to form.”

“15. Awareness of assumptions. Diederich describes how a good scientist starts by defining terms, making all assumptions very clear, and reducing necessary assumptions to the smallest number possible. Often we want scientists to make broad statements about a complex world. But usually scientists are very specific about what they “know” or will say with certainty: “When these conditions hold true, the usual outcome is such-and-such.”

“16. Ability to separate fundamental concepts from the irrelevant or unimportant. Some young science students get bogged down in observations and data that are of little importance to the concept they want to investigate.

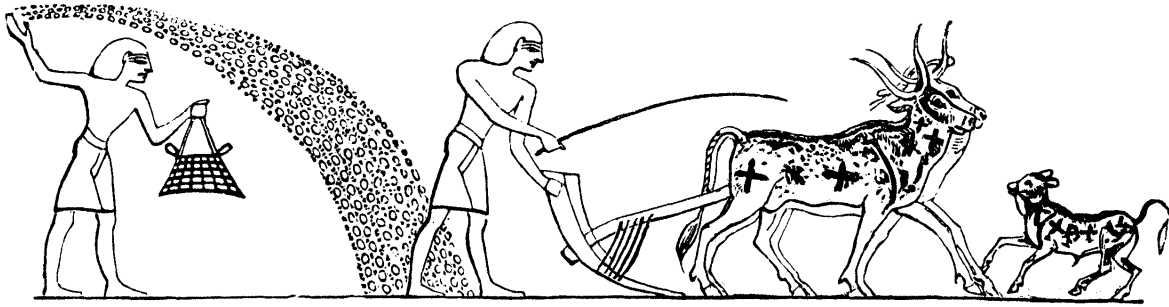
“17. Respect for quantification and appreciation of mathematics as a language of science. Many of nature’s relationships are best revealed by patterns and mathematical relationships when reality is counted or measured; and this beauty often remains hidden without this tool.

“18. An appreciation of probability and statistics. Correlations do not prove cause-and-effect, but some pseudoscience arises when a chance occurrence is taken as “proof.” Individuals who insist on an all-or-none world and who have little experience with statistics will have difficulty understanding the concept of an event occurring by chance.

“19. An understanding that all knowledge has tolerance limits. All careful analyses of the world reveal values that scatter at least slightly around the average point; a human’s core body temperature is about so many degrees and objects fall with a certain rate of acceleration, but there is some variation. There is no absolute certainty.

“20. Empathy for the human condition. Contrary to popular belief, there is a value system in science, and it is based on humans being the only organisms that can “imagine” things that are not triggered by stimuli present at the immediate time in their environment; we are, therefore, the only creatures to “look” back on our past and plan our future. This is why when you read a moving book, you imagine yourself in the position of another person and you think “I know what the author meant and feels.” Practices that ignore this empathy and resultant value for human life produce inaccurate science.

“Modified from Bronowski (1978), Diederich (1967) and Whaley & Surratt (1967). Taken from *The Kansas School Naturalist*, Vol. 35, No. 4, April 1989. Issues are available free of charge by writing to: The Kansas School Naturalist, Division of Biological Sciences;; Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas, 66801-5087.” 🐾



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"The first course was so exciting and, as a physics major, I found all of the information easily understandable and scientifically true. I look forward to the second course and examination.

\*\*12-18-00

"...I am also enclosing a donation in loving memory of my mother, who made the transition to the inner plane on August 12<sup>th</sup>" -Parry Feldhus

\*\*2-18-2001

"The letter 10-22-2000 on the Astrologic teachings of C.C. Zain disturbed me. The most important point in learning anything is to learn it according to rules and accepted scientific fact. Once you have learned and fully understand the rules of a craft you are then in a position to break them. Any school that does not teach according to the rules is doomed. The rules understood if you are a genius in the field you then have the right to work outside of them and may possibly achieve great things. An example is in the field of writing would be a James Joyce, a Hemingway or a F. Scott Fitzgerald. These people learned the rules of their craft and when they had mastered them were able to make exceptions and create masterpieces but only after they knew the rules. It is my opinion that most

people who claim the rules need to be change to suit them aren't aware of the true values of a method.

"Further the works of C.C. Zain include not only the teaching of Astrology but of inner world teachings that are important for the development of man['s] astral being or soul. If you start making changes in one part of the teachings you take the chance that people will want to change others without the necessary research. If you continue with your belief and struggle on, the end will eventually be gained.

"I am an allopathic physician who has always been interested in alternative medicine. As an example of what I stated above, I have practiced Contact Reflex Analysis that uses the electricity of the Astral Body to diagnose disease and treat it with manipulation diet, nutritional supplements and energy transfer. In the past the field under the direction of Dr. D.A. Versandall has been successful for 40 years but always on the fringe and not accepted by mainstream medicine. I went to a conference this weekend in West Palm Beach, Florida. At the conference after 40 years of struggle Dr. Versandall announced that he had been hired to teach CRA to medical students at the Medical School of UCLA, Berkeley and that a medical doctor, a Dr. Erickson has a CRA clinic at the University of Florida and is teaching medical students the technique there.

"The point is that it took Dr. Versandall and other pioneers forty years to finally have their teachings accepted. And the only way they did it was to continually do research and be able to show that the process works.



"I know that if the Church of Light persists in its teachings it will be accepted in the same way. But not by changing its teachings to cater to what is popular but not backed up by scientific evidence."

## Building a Better World

*Here's a beautiful prayer used by one of our members...we thought we'd pass it on ...*

"For \_\_\_\_\_ I ask for divine resolution of all conflicts, conscious and subconscious; for divine release from all fear and doubt; for divine clarity and understanding in all areas of life; and for divine liberation, restoration, and wholeness, that he/she may recognize and follow the divine plan for his/her life.

*—Many thanks to Rev. Dr. Russ Durocher for sharing this prayer with us.*

## Classes:

Canberra AUSTRALIA

Hermetic Academy of Astrology; Julia Goldstein. Three year course work in Hermetic Astrology.

If you are conducting classes or study groups and wish to have it announced in the Quarterly, please let CofL HQ know. ChurchofLight@light.org.

## Where's the Wizard...

We have a WINNER!

Dear Friends, you've raised my Dominant Vibratory Rate! Thank you so much for the set of tapes on Spiritual Astrology, Lesson #7. What a wonderful surprise to find I had won!! I had been throwing myself a "pity-party" after my mother's passing on Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> and thought I'm happy for her return home. I assure you this set of tapes was just the diversion from my feelings of loss toward exciting evidence of blessings sent from you to me at the perfect time! (& Mercury is Retrograde!) Also: to Russ Durocher for sharing his prayer. I'm

so thankful, it covers just about everything! I'll be using it a lot!. I'm so blessed to have such a bounty of wisdom as membership in the Church of Light affords. Life, Light & Love Darlene Converse.

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Don't forget to look for the wizard in this edition of the Quarterly...it may be your turn to be surprised! Just send a postcard or letter describing what is different and on what page the wizard is located.

## Many Thanks

During the past year the CofL lost two of its valued volunteers...

In July Bill Jeffrey decided to get his life back. For the past five years Bill volunteered one of his two days off to volunteer a full day of his free time to working at CofL headquarters. He performed many of the not so fun tasks that go into making an office run smoothly and well. In addition he worked on the Quarterly, grading exams and attending conferences. We miss him and are sad that he is no longer with us one day a week...we do understand the cumulative effect of not having time for a personal life. Of course, words are not sufficient to describe how important Bill is and was to the work we do. We do wish him well...as he says, Be Well!

As 2000 closed so did the ten year commitment Dorothy Wissler made to volunteering at the CofL office. Dorothy gave up a productive lecturing career (based on her research in Administration. Most don't know she has a Ph.D. in that field). One has to wonder what could possibly entice her to abandon such an exciting career to come to work at the CofL office? The answer is surprising, unless they know Dorothy. As she said, she had never seen such a needy and worthy little office. She was so right! Three days a week for ten years Dorothy brought her smile, her hands, her

heart, her toil and her love! Never once did she complain that a task was beneath her...she was also quite good at creating tasks for others as well! With her dominant Mars she was a woman with a mission and those of us who participated in her process are happily rewarded. I think it is safe to say that the CofL is in a very different state than when she discovered it. Most will never realize the psychic and material energy she poured into its soul. I know she has many friends here and on the other side who appreciate just how much she gives! She is loved and missed!

All is not woe at CofL Headquarters! We have a new staff person. Her name is Jessica Eckstein. She comes via the magic of the inner plane! She has been with us for approximately a month and has already made significant strides in learning the CofL office procedures...which I might add are quite complicated. Jessica is very bright and with her Uranus/Pluto conjunction to her Virgo Asc. she is a natural occultist. Her background is in Taoist teachings. We've already added a *Solar Form* to the Noon Healing Ritual. It will be fun to observe its impact on the energy level at work. She has great respect for the BofL teachings and that's enough for me!

## Annual Membership Meeting

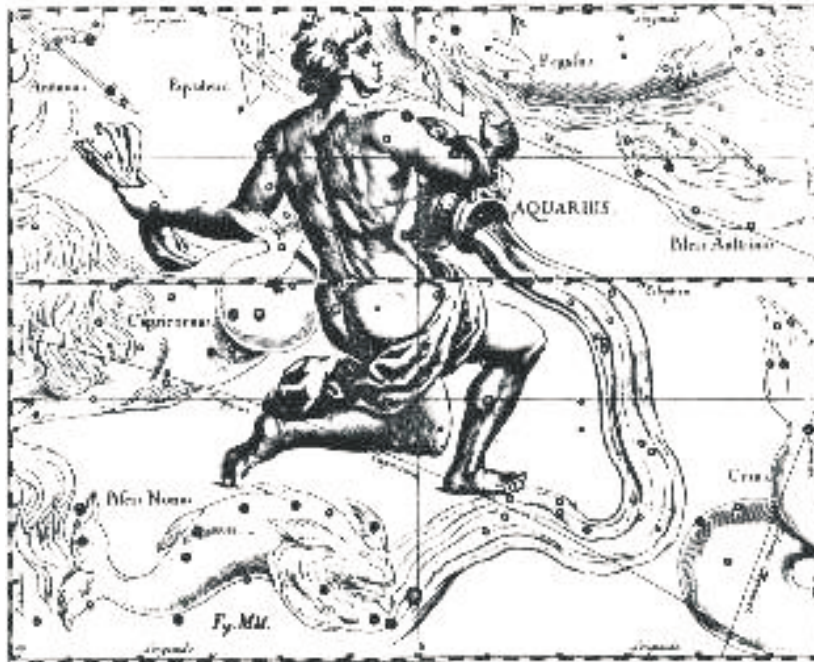
The CofL Annual Membership Meeting is scheduled for March 24, 2001. This date has been selected to coincide with the first TOOTS retreat. The location is Sedona Arizona. All members who are able to attend are encouraged to be there or be square!

Actually, we do understand that our membership is spread throughout the planet and having a meeting that most people can attend is almost impossible. If you can be there, your energy and input is always appreciated.

The meeting location is the Junipines resort in Sedona. Their website is junipines.com. 🐾



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